## JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

1. NAME:

The Honorable Roger Mack Young, Sr.

**BUSINESS ADDRESS:** 

Charleston County Judicial Center

100 Broad Street, Suite 368

Charleston, SC 29401

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

(office): 843-958-2015

2. Date of Birth:

1960

Place of Birth:

Cass City, MI

- 3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes
- 5. Family Status: Married on 6/16/2012, to Tara Sullivan Amick. Divorced from Janice M. Young, October 15, 2008, in Beaufort County. Janice M. Young was moving party, one year separation. Two children.
- 6. Have you served in the military?

No.

- 7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.
  - (a) Baptist College at Charleston (now Charleston Southern University), 1977-80 BS in Political Science;
  - (b) USC School of Law, JD, 1980-83; University of Nevada, MJS, 1998-2000.
- 8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.

SC, 1983-date.

- 9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at college, graduate, and law school. Give the dates you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.
  - (a) Student Government Senate 2 years in college;
  - (b) Participant in National Trial Competition and Moot Court Competition in law school.
- 10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years. Include only the title and date of any continuing legal or judicial education course completed.

Cont	ference/CLE Name	<u>Date</u>
(a)	SCDTAA Mid-Year Annual Meeting	07/24/2008;
(b)	Annual Judicial Conference	08/20/2008;
(c)	Annual Public Defenders Conference	09/29/2008;
(d)	SCDTTA Annual Meeting	11/13/2008;
(e)	SC Business Law Torts Update	11/21/2008;
(f)	SC Bar Convention Civil Law Update	01/23/2009;
(g)	SC Bar Convention Criminal Law Update	01/23/2009;



(h)	Circuit Judges Annual Conference	05/06/2009;	
(i)	SCDTAA Mid-Year Annual Meeting	07/23/2009;	
(j)	Annual Judicial Conference	08/19/2009;	
(k)	SC Bar Current Issues in Civil Law	12/11/2009;	
(1)	SC Bar Convention Civil Law Update	01/22/2010;	
(m)	SC Bar Convention Criminal Law Update	01/22/2010;	
(n)	Circuit Judges Annual Meeting	05/05/2010;	
(o)	Annual Judicial Conference	08/18/2010;	
(p)	SCSA Conference	09/26/2010;	
(q)	SCDTAA Annual Conference	11/11/2010;	
(r)	SC Bar Lawyer Walks into a Bar CLE	12/17/2010;	
(s)	SC Bar Convention Civil Law Update	01/21/2011;	
(t)	SC Bar Convention Criminal Law Update	01/21/2011;	
(u)	Circuit Judges Annual Conference	05/04/2011;	
(v)	Annual Judicial Conference	08/17/2011;	
(w)	SC Bar Convention Civil Law Update	01/20/2012;	
(x)	SC Bar Convention Criminal Law Update	01/20/2012;	
(y)	Berkeley County Bar CLE	02/10/2012;	
(z)	Circuit Judges Annual Conference	05/02/2012;	
(aa)	SCDTAA Mid-Year Annual Meeting	07/26/2012;	
(bb)	SCAJ Annual Conference	08/02/2012;	
(cc)	Annual Judicial Conference	08/22/2012;	
(dd)	SCDTTA Annual Meeting	11/08/2012;	
(ee)	SC Bar Convention Civil Law Update	01/25/2013;	
(ff)	SC Bar Convention Criminal Law Update	01/25/2013;	
(gg)	Complex Business Court Litigation	03/09/2013;	
(hh)	Circuit Judges Annual Conference	05/01/2013;	
(ii)	SCAJ Annual Conference	08/01/2013;	
(jj)	Annual Judicial Conference	08/21/2013;	
(kk)	Annual Business Court Judges Meeting	09/15/2013;	
(11)	SCDTTA Annual Meeting	11/07/2013;	
(mm)	Law School Class Reunion CLE	11/15/2013;	
(nn)	SC Bar Convention Civil Law Update	01/24/2014;	
(00)	SC Bar Convention Criminal Law Update	01/24/2014;	
(pp)	Computer Forensics for Judges	02/24/2014;	
(qq)	Circuit Judges Annual Conference	03/24/2014.	
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- 11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.
  - (a) Panelist, "Motion Practice Before the Circuit Court," 2012 SC Defense Trial Attorneys' Association & Claims Management Association of SC Joint Meeting, July 28, 2012;
  - (b) Speaker, "Depositions and Ethics after In re Anonymous Member of the Bar," Berkeley County Bar CLE, February 10, 2012;

- (c) Panelist, "Professionalism," Practice Basics for the New Lawyer, SC Women Lawyers Association and Women in Law Charleston School of Law, October 14, 2011;
- (d) Speaker, "Depositions and In re Anonymous Member of the Bar," SCDTA Deposition Boot Camp, October 6, 2011;
- (e) Panelist, "Mental Illness, Victimization and Criminal Justice An Update for Clinicians, Policymakers, Judges, Attorneys, and Law Enforcement" 2011 Update in Psychiatry Conference, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Medical USC, June 2, 2011;
- (f) Panelist, "A Lawyer Walks into the Bar: A Hands-On Discussion of Issues Facing Lawyers In the First Years of Practice," SC Bar, Charleston School of Law, December 17, 2010;
- (g) Panelist, "Tort Reform Allocation of Liability after § 15-38-15," 2010 SC Defense Trial Attorneys' Association Annual Meeting, November 13, 2010;
- (h) Panelist, "Top 10 Appellate Decisions of 2009-2010," 2010 S.C. Solicitors Association Fall Conference, September 28, 2010;
- (i) Speaker, "Hearsay in a Nutshell", Meeting of the Charleston Association of Legal Assistants, March 17, 2010;
- (j) Speaker, "Business Torts and the New Business Court," Current Issues in Civil Law CLE, SC Bar, December 11, 2009;
- (k) Speaker/Presenter, "Helping your Patient by Helping the Lawyer and the Judge: A Case Study," Forensic Psychiatry Grand Rounds, USC School of Medicine, December 4, 2009;
- (l) Presenter, "Hollywood v. Real Life: Is Law School Really Necessary or Can You Learn To Try a Case at the Movies?" 2009 SC Defense Trial Attorneys' Association & Claims Management Association of SC Joint Meeting, July 24, 2009;
- (m) Panelist, "Ethics for Criminal Lawyers," 2008 SC Public Defender Conference, September 30, 2008;
- (n) Panelist, "What is the Business Court?" 2008 SC Defense Trial Attorneys' Association & Claims Management Association of SC Joint Meeting, July 25, 2008:
- (o) Panelist, "Expert Opinions: "The Amistad Case: A Spoleto at the Avery Event," May 31, 2008;
- (p) Speaker/Panelist, "Tips for Trying a Complex, Multi-Party Case," SC Bar Convention, January, 25, 2008;
- (q) Speaker/Panelist, "Mental Health Evidence as Mitigation," SC Public Defender's Conference, September 25, 2007;
- (r) Speaker, "Professionalism: The Ethics of Competence in the Courtroom," SC Administrative and Regulatory Law Association Annual Meeting, September 21, 2007:
- (s) Speaker, "A Doctor's Duty to Warn," Forensic Psychiatry Grand Rounds, USC School of Medicine, August 3, 2007;
- (t) Speaker, Panelist and Coordinator, "Nuts and Bolts of Handling a Sexually Violent Predator Case," SC Bar CLE, July 27, 2007;
- (u) Speaker, "Ethical Considerations for the Municipal Attorney," SC Municipal Association CLE, December 1, 2006;

- (v) Speaker, "Using Technology in the Courtroom," Charleston County Bar CLE, December 16, 2005;
- (w) Panelist/Speaker, "Recent Decisions," SC Solicitor's Conference, September 26, 2005;
- (x) Speaker, "So You're Trying Your First Case," SC Bar CLE video publication;
- (y) Speaker/panelist, "Ethics and the New Code of Professionalism," SC Public Defender's Conference, September 27, 2004;
- (z) Speaker, Law and Society Class, The Governor's School of SC, July 1, 2003;
- (aa) Speaker, "Tips from the Bench: Non-Jury Trials," SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division, December 13, 2002;
- (bb) Speaker, "SUEM: A Discussion on Equitable Principles in Their Application to the Law," SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division, October 11, 2002;
- (cc) Speaker, "Practice Before Masters-in-Equity," Bridge the Gap, SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division and the Supreme Court of SC, May 14, 2002;
- (dd) Speaker, "Six by Six" CLE, Charleston County Bar Association, December 13, 2001;
- (ee) Speaker, "Recent Judicial Decisions Update on Tax Sales in SC," SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division, October 12, 2001;
- (ff) Speaker, "Recent Judicial Decisions Update on Tax Sales in SC," 34<sup>th</sup> SC Association of Counties Annual Conference, July 26, 2001;
- (gg) Speaker, "Practice Before Masters-in-Equity," Bridge the Gap, SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division and the Supreme Court of SC, March 13, 2001;
- (hh) Speaker, "Recent Judicial Decisions Involving Tax Sales," County Auditors, Treasurers and Tax Collectors Academy, February 8, 2001;
- (ii) Moderator, "Business Torts, Accounting & Damages," SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division CLE, October 13, 2000;
- (jj) Speaker, "Practice Before Masters-in-Equity," Bridge the Gap, SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division and the Supreme Court of SC, May 23, 2000;
- (kk) Speaker, "Law of Tax Sales," Charleston County Bar Association Real Estate Section, March 7, 2000;
- (ll) Speaker, "Recent Judicial Decisions Involving Tax Sales," County Auditors, Treasurers and Tax Collectors Academy, February 3, 2000;
- (mm) Speaker, "Twelve by Twelve" CLE, Charleston County Bar Association, December 16, 1999;
- (nn) Speaker, "Equitable Remedies," SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division CLE, October 8, 1999:
- (oo) Moderator, "Mechanic's Liens," SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division, March 26, 1999;
- (pp) Speaker, "Practice Before Masters-in-Equity," Bridge the Gap, SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division and the Supreme Court of SC, March 9, 1999, May 18, 1999:
- (qq) Speaker, "Law on Tax Sales," Practice Before Masters-in-Equity and Special Referees CLE, SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division, October 9, 1998;
- (rr) Speaker, "Law on Tax Sales," Practice Before Masters-in-Equity and Special Referees CLE, SC Bar Continuing Legal Education Division, October 18, 1996.

- 12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
  - (a) Tax Sales of Real Property in SC, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, 1999 (SC Bar-Continuing Legal Education Division);
  - (b) The Law of Real Estate Tax Sales, SC Lawyer, September/October 1999;
  - (c) Master's Thesis, Using Social Science to Assess the Need for Jury Reform in SC, published in 52 SC Law Review 135, Fall 2000;
  - (d) "Sexually Violent Predator Acts," Issues in Community Corrections chapter note, Community Based Corrections, (4<sup>th</sup> ed. Wadsworth-Thomason Learning 2000);
  - (e) Law, Economics, the Constitution and Pink Flamingos, Post and Courier, August 10, 2001;
  - (f) Roger Young and Stephen Spitz, SUEM-Spitz's Ultimate Equitable Maxim: In Equity Good Guys Should Win and Bad Guys Should Lose, 55 SC Law Review, 175 Fall 2003:
  - (g) "How Do You Know What You Know?": A Judicial Perspective on Daubert and Council/Jones Factors in Determining the Reliability of Expert Testimony in SC, SC Lawyer, November, 2003.
- 13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.

Admitted to practice before the State Courts of SC in 1983.

14. Describe chronologically your legal experience since graduation from law school and include a list of all law firms with which you have been associated. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years.

I was in private practice from 1983 to 1995 as a sole practitioner. I was associated with a lawyer named Howard Chapman in Charleston from 1983 until his death in late 1984. After that I was on my own with a general practice, mostly civil, until I became Master-in-Equity in 1996.

15. What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

Never applied for it in private practice.

- 22. Have you ever held judicial office?
  - (a) 1988-90 appointed Municipal Court judge for North Charleston. Misdemeanors only.
  - (b) 1995-2003 elected Master in Equity for Charleston County, civil non-jury;
  - (c) 2003-present, elected Circuit Court 9th Judicial Circuit, anything except family court and probate.
- 23. If the answer to question 22 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.
  - (a) <u>Kuznick v. Bees Ferry Associates</u>, 342 SC 579 (SC App 2000);
  - (b) LowCountry Open Land Trust v. SC, 347 SC 96 (SC App 2001);
  - (c) <u>Rice-Marko v Wachovia Corp.</u>, 398 S.C. 301 SC App 2010);

- (d) <u>Stevenson v Kavanaugh</u>, Nos. 2008-CP-10-1735, 2009 WL 8708624 (S.C. Com.Pl. Feb. 10, 2009);
- (e) Kerr v BB&T, 2014 WL 1386873 (SC SCt 2014).
- 24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office?

1990-94, elected to SC House of Representative; always filed timely.

25. List all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor.

I received an adjunct faculty appointment to the USC School of Medicine Department of Neuropsychiatry in 2007. I receive no pay and lecture when my schedule permits. I have not had time in the past several years to teach since I have been doing Business Court.

- 26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? Ran unsuccessfully for Circuit Court in 2001.
- 27. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office?

None.

28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise?

No.

- 29. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
- 30. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.

None.

31. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law?

No.

32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?

No.

33. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy?

No to all.

34. Have you ever been sued, either personally or professionally, that is, have you ever been named as defendant or respondent in any court of law?

I was sued a couple of years ago in US District Court in SC by Wayne Charpia. I presided over a civil trial around ten years before where he was a pro se defendant in a civil case in Dorchester County. The jury found he did not disclose numerous deficiencies in a house he built and sold and awarded a substantial verdict against him. I denied numerous post-trial motions he filed over the next ten years. The verdict was upheld on appeal. The case against me was dismissed in federal court and that dismissal was upheld on appeal.

When I ran in 2008, I was informed I had been sued by someone in federal court, but since I was never served with papers I never knew anything about it, and I still don't any of the particulars. I was informed it was dismissed.

36. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect?

No.

37. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy?

N/A.

38. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.?

I have Twitter, Instagram, Yelp, and Google+ accounts to passively follow some legal and computer folks I find interesting, as well as some food/restaurants services. These do not affect my position. I closed my Facebook account about 2 years ago. I found the issue of whether judges could be friends with lawyers, etc., to be too much of a distraction for what I ever got out of it.

I have mixed feelings about using social media. Obviously judges must be careful about what they post, but I feel it is important they have some idea what social media is and does in order to be able to rule on issues that increasingly come before us involving social media, for example, discovery issues and search and seizure.

39. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)?

No.

- 40. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal?
- 41. S.C. Code § 8-13-700 provides, in part, that "[n]o public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions.

None.

42. S.C. Code § 8-13-765 provides, in part, that "[n]o person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions.

None.

43. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek.

None. De minimis amount on paper and ink to print application.

44. List the amount and recipient of all contributions made by you or on your behalf to members of the General Assembly since the announcement of your intent to seek election to a judgeship.

None.

45. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened?

None.

46. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf?

No.

47. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy?

No.

48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate?

No.

- 49. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.
  - (a) SC Bar;
  - (b) American Bar Association;
  - (c) SC Circuit Judges Association, President, 2012-14;
  - (d) American College of Business Court Judges;
  - (e) Charleston County Bar.
- 50. List all civic, charitable, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five years and include any offices held in such a group, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.

Charleston Rifle Club (bowling).

Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

I try to never lose fact that we are dealing with people and their lives. Being in court is usually the most important thing going on in their life at that time, and they deserve their day in court. Most people usually understand you have to rule for and against somebody, but they feel better about the outcome if they perceive they received a fair hearing. I try to treat each litigant and their counsel with dignity and respect, no matter the severity or heinousness of the crime or the amount in controversy. This usually results in reciprocal respect by everyone involved.

## 52. References:

- (a) The Honorable R. Keith Summey Mayor, City of North Charleston 5069 Ashby Avenue North Charleston, SC 29405 843-740-2504
- (b) H. B. Limehouse, Jr. 8 Cumberland Street Charleston, SC 29401 843-577-6242
- (c) Cameron Blaylock Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 177 Meeting Street Charleston, SC 29401 843-727-2969
- (d) Vic Revelise 8580 Roanoke Drive North Charleston, SC 29406 843-569-2832
- (e) A. Victor Rawl 2835 Preakness Stakes Charleston, SC 29414 843-766-7334

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: Roger Mack Young, Sr.

Date: July 25, 2014